

The Weed and Seed 1999 National Conference

August 1-4, 1999 • Houston, TX







Join us for the 1999 Weed and Seed National Conference to learn about effective partnerships, community justice innovations, faith-based interventions, youth mobilization, and much more!

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, is pleased to announce the Executive Office for Weed and Seed's (EOWS) 1999 National Conference, **Communities of the New Millennium**, to be held August 1–4, 1999, in Houston, Texas. The conference will bring together more than 1,400 people from Weed and Seed communities; Federal, State, and local government and community agencies; and nonprofit organizations from throughout the United States.

This conference will provide insights into effective community partnerships that are making a difference in Weed and Seed communities. The conference will feature:

- * More than 50 interactive workshops focusing on community revitalization.
- * A Partnerships Exhibit Hall with more than 100 exhibits demonstrating promising practices and programs.
- * A National Night Out grand event hosted by EOWS, the many national-level Weed and Seed partners, and the city of Houston.

EOWS and the city of Houston will welcome site representatives who are still in town on Wednesday, August 4, to join us for Weed and Seed Night at the Houston Astrodome.



LOGISTICS

Dates Sunday, August 1-Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Registration

EOWS will pay lodging expenses for three consecutive nights for one team of **three** representatives from each officially recognized Weed and Seed site. Each team **must** consist of one law enforcement officer, one community resident, and one city agency staff representative. Other representatives from each site may attend the conference; however, additional representatives must pay for and make their own hotel arrangements at an overflow hotel or stay with a team representative at the Hyatt Regency. The deadline for registration is Sunday, June 20, 1999. After June 20, registrations will be accepted as space permits. Contact your Weed and Seed site coordinator for team registration information. The list of site team representatives will be submitted to EOWS by the site coordinators.

All attendees (including team representatives) must submit a separate registration form (see attached). Please fax your form to Registrar Pauline Gentles at 301–519–5711 or mail it to EOWS National Conference, 2277 Research Boulevard, MS 2B, Rockville, MD 20850. All registrants should receive confirmation materials by June 25, 1999. If you do not receive these materials, please call Pauline Gentles at 301–519–5329.

We expect this conference to be very popular and space is limited. Registrants who are part of a Weed and Seed site team will be given space priority. Attendees are responsible for paying for and making their own travel arrangements. Questions and inquiries should be directed to the site coordinators, the EOWS site program manager, or Penne Soltysik at 202–514–0709.

Location

Hyatt Regency Downtown

1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002

Phone: 713-654-1234

Rate: \$205/night for self-pay attendees

Self-pay attendees may make hotel arrangements at any of the following recommended conference overflow hotels (be certain to mention that you are attending the Weed and Seed National Conference):

Renaissance Houston Hotel 713–629–1200 Rate: \$89/night Holiday Inn Select 713–523–8448 Rate: \$79/night DoubleTree Allen Center 713-759-1166 Rate: \$139/night

EOWS is planning to provide shuttle service between the host hotel and the Renaissance and Holiday Inn hotels, which are approximately 10 minutes from the downtown area. However, this service is not guaranteed at this time.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Members of Weed and Seed steering committees

Community and neighborhood organizations

Law enforcement officials

Representatives from social service agencies

U.S. Attorneys and staff

Government officials at the local, State, and Federal levels

Community prosecutors

Anyone interested in community revitalization

PLANNED SESSIONS INCLUDE

Community Justice Innovations

COP Training: Opportunities and Recent Developments

Traditional and Information-Age Job and Economic Development

Faith-Based Interventions

Volunteer Groups Taking Action Against Crime

Successful Drug Treatment Approaches

Creative Alternatives: Arts-Based Prevention Programs for Youth

Environmental Initiatives in Weed and Seed Communities

Homeownership in Weed and Seed

Environmental Risks to Children

INVITED SPEAKERS

Al Gore

Vice President, United States of America

Janet Reno

Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Eric Holder

Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Raymond Fisher

Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Noël Brennan

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Jeff Sessions

U.S. Senator, Alabama

Sheila Jackson Lee

U.S. Representative, Texas

John Lewis

U.S. Representative, Georgia

Lee P. Brown

Mayor, City of Houston

Charles Ogletree

Professor, Harvard Law School

Reg Weaver

Vice President, National Education Association

Doug Nelson

President,

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Robert Mallet

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

Roy Priest

President,

National Congress for Community Economic Development

Lloyd Smith

Chairman,

City First Bank of DC

Patricia Montoya

Commissioner,

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

William Julius Wilson

Director, Joblessness and Urban Poverty Research Program, Harvard University

Reginald Robinson

Counselor to the Chancellor, University of Kansas

Thomas P. Schneider

U.S. Attorney,

Eastern District of Wisconsin

Jonathan Kozol

Author and Advocate

REGISTRATION FORM

Please accept my registration form for the 1999 Weed and Seed National Conference, **Communities of the New Millennium.**

One registration form must be completed for each participant.

NOTE: This information will be used to prepare name badges and the participants list. Please use name preference and write clearly.

Site Name:	
Attendee Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Phone: ()	
FAX: ()	
E-mail:	
Special Needs:	
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☐ Please send me information on reserving a booth in the Partnerships Exhibit Hall.

Complete and return the registration form by **June 20, 1999,** to:

EOWS National Conference 2277 Research Boulevard Mailstop 2B Rockville, MD 20850 Fax: 301–519–5711



NCJRS P.O. Box 6000 Rockville, MD 20849–6000

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1999

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Learning Lab

1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Conference Registration

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Weed and Seed Kickoff Celebration/Exhibit Hall Opening

Monday, August 2, 1999

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall

8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Conference Sessions

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. NCCED Graduation and Reception

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Conference Registration

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Conference Sessions 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. National Night Out Event

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Conference Sessions Adjourn

